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## Steere nabs first in paddling event

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A lean and muscular Rick Steere, calling his effort "no great thing," paddled six miles yesterday in windy swelling surf to take first place in the 21st annual Diamond Head paddling cham-pionships, starting and fin-ishing at Waikiki beach.

Steere finished his round trip paddling from the Manoa Hotel to a buoy off Diamond Head in 1:05.15 in the top event of the annual Christmas Day festivities.

During and after the Diamond Head marathon, ten shorter paddling contests for men and women were held before about 500 spectators sitting along the beach under clear skies and a hot Hawaiian sun.

However, for the four entries in the Diamond Head tries in the Diamond Head balsa board with a slight events, waves permitting. made the course rough

year of competition, said. and third respectively.
"You just hope you make Dave Stecker, blow

But at the same time, the and waves, placed fourth.



RICK STEERE "No great thing."

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Aka Hemmings and Jody "The conditions were too D'Enbeau, both also of the windy," Steere, in his third Outrigger, finished second

Dave Stecker, blown off the course by strong winds

veteran surfer who placed in In the shorter events, the Makaha International South African Saun Thomson and under quarter mile race and the boys 15 and under 200 yard race for top men's honors

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women's deliviti championships semi-finals, took first in both the boys 17 said during the race, he and under quarter mile race "didn't conserve any and the boys 15 and under strength." and the boys 15 and under 200 yard race for top men's

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200 yard race for top men's honors.

ing around Oahu, so it's no great thing," he said after winning. "I feel fine."

Steere, a car salesman and a member of the Outrigger Canoe club, was using a mile race was one of the Canoe club, so it's no great thing, and the women's competition, Luana Froiseth, taking first in the women's half open and second in the girls 17 and under quarter-mile race was one of the control of the contr

most outstanding along with Nancy Emerson who finished first in the girls 17 and under and second in the open.

The competition finished early in the afternoon with the run-swim-paddle relay race.

This event combined running, p a d d l i n g, jumping, swimming, splashing and general confusion for the six four-membered teams.

Miss Emerson, Anthony Guerrero, Jeff Young and Jody D'Enbeau literally outlasted the others for first in easily the most hectic and exciting of the races.

The Waikiki Surf Club sponsors both the Makaha surfing championships and yesterday's Christmas

Makaha International surfing championship competi-

Wents, Waves permitting.

MEN'S DIVISION

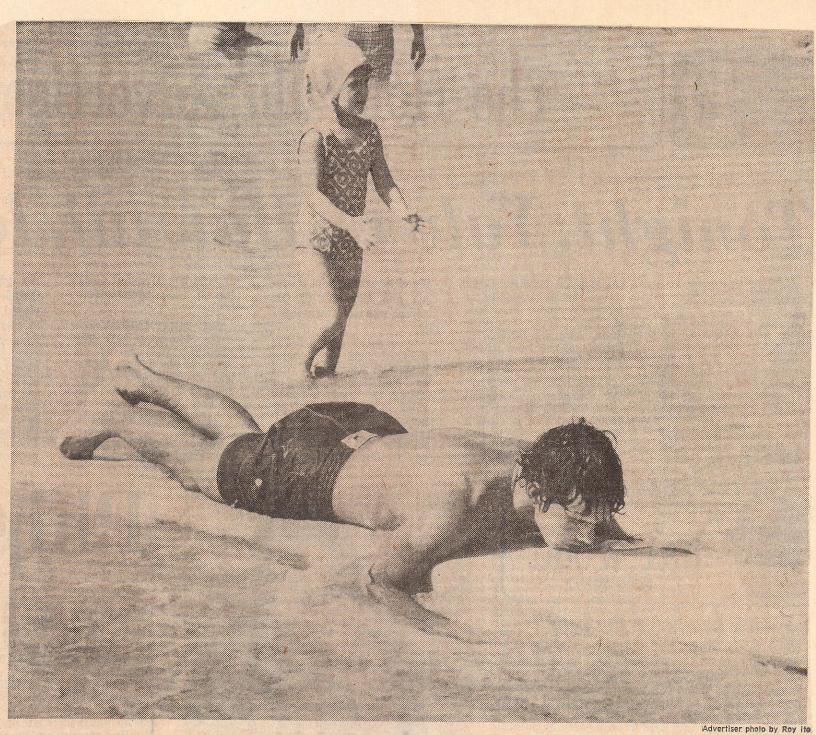
Diamond head buoy race, six miles—
Rick Steere, 1:05:15; Aka Hemmings;
Judy D'Enbeau; Dave Stecker.

Men's open, half mile —Bill Mount,
Bob Warren, Keone Downing, Jeff
Young, Anthony Guerrero.

Men's 35 and over, half mile — Leigh
Josephson, Dr. Robert Scott.

Boy's 17 and under, quarter mile —
Shaun Thomson, Keone Downing.

Boy's 15 and under, 200 yards — Shaun
Thompson, Ken Morrow, Kainoa Downing. ng. Boy's 11 and under, 100 yards — Ken Morrow, Kainoa Downing, Davey Mor-



Aka Hemmings, exhausted, lies face down on surfboard after finishing 2nd in 6-mile paddle race.